

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS.

Claims 1-13 (cancelled).

14. (new) An applicator for use in reflexotherapy, comprising:
- a resilient base member;
 - a plurality of needles fixed within said base member;
 - each said needle comprising a rod, a sharpened portion, and a head;
 - said needles being partially covered with a coating;
 - said needles including at least a first set of needles being made from and/or coated with a first material, and a second set of needles being made from and/or coated with a second material;
 - said first and second materials having different electrochemical potential; and
 - said needles being partially covered with a coating to expose a surface of contact between each needle and a user's epidermis to at least said first and second materials having said different electrochemical potentials.
15. (new) An applicator according to claim 14, including:
- at least one further set of needles being made from and/or coated with a further material having a different electrochemical potential than that of said first and/or second set of needles.
16. (new) An applicator according to claim 14, wherein:
- the coating on at least some of said needles comprises a multilayer coating.
17. (new) An applicator according to claim 15, wherein:
- the coating on at least some of said needles comprises a multilayer coating.

18. (new) An applicator according to claim 14, wherein:
said needles are disposed in said applicator in a configuration in which adjacent needles exposed to said surface of contact with the user's epidermis are either coated with and/or made from different materials.

19. (new) An applicator according to claim 15, wherein:
said needles are disposed in said applicator in a configuration in which adjacent needles exposed to said surface of contact with the user's epidermis are either coated with and/or made from different materials.

20. (new) An applicator according to claim 16, wherein:
said needles are disposed in said applicator in a configuration in which adjacent needles exposed to said surface of contact with the user's epidermis are either coated with and/or made from different materials.

21. (new) An applicator according to claim 17, wherein:
said needles are disposed in said applicator in a configuration in which adjacent needles exposed to said surface of contact with the user's epidermis are either coated with and/or made from different materials.

22. (new). An applicator according to claim 14, wherein:
the material comprising said needles and/or coatings is selected from steel, copper, chromium, nickel, silver, cobalt, aluminum, magnesium, zinc, tin, titanium, vanadium, beryllium, gold, platinum, palladium, strontium, tellurium or alloys and oxides thereof.

23. (new). An applicator according to claim 21, wherein:

the material comprising said needles and/or coatings is selected from steel, copper, chromium, nickel, silver, cobalt, aluminum, magnesium, zinc, tin, titanium, vanadium, beryllium, gold, platinum, palladium, strontium, tellurium or alloys and oxides thereof.